

Morse Code should be retained in the Tech-plus-element 1 category. HF privileges should not be given so easily, else a watershed would be created to further erode this most effective form of communication that hams have by eliminating this skill. No dumbing down in this vital communication. If someone wants to become an amateur radio operator and use the HF privileges, studying to do so is the only way to keep ones desire in focus; and code is part of that process. Protect the HF bands from becoming another "CB" arena. Else eventually people will challenge the written technical as well.